

Congratulations to all partners and organizations who engage children and youth in their activities!

Youth at the Convention on Biological Diversity

At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, the Secretariat supported youth groups in their efforts to voice their concerns about the impact of biodiversity loss on future generations and the need to take immediate action to halt that loss. Since then, the Secretariat has been supporting global youth networks such as GYBN and Go4BioDiv in their preparations for the eleventh Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the CBD.



The Secretariat's initiatives related to 'Children and Youth' aim 1) to better engage children and youth (youth particularly) in biodiversity-related decision-making processes, along the lines of the Secretary General's five year action plan; 2) to gain increased support for children and youth biodiversity projects and initiatives; 3) to strengthen children and youth's capacity to make a difference for biodiversity.

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)

GYBN is a network of individuals and youth organizations from all over the world whose common goal is to halt the loss of biodiversity. GYBN's mission is to connect youth organizations and individuals by providing them with a place to exchange knowledge, contacts and ideas to preserve biological diversity on our planet. It strengthens and supports youth efforts to promote and protect biodiversity and helps to raise awareness for the intrinsic value of biological diversity. GYBN is also the international coordination platform for youth participation in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Website: gybn.org



Go4BioDiv

The Go4BioDiv International Youth Forum offers young dedicated people from all over the world the opportunity to share their on-the-ground conservation experience with their peers and the wider public. Young messengers from five continents send wake-up-calls to the world community for conserving biological and the often associated cultural diversity. The theme of Go4BioDiv 2012 will be 'Conserving coastal and marine biodiversity for sustaining life and livelihoods'.



For more information visit: go4biodiv.org



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Youth-related activities at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Children and Youth are recognized as key stakeholders in United Nations processes. "Working with and for young people" is one key priorities of UN Secretary-General's Five-Year Action Agenda. Children and Youth are also one of the Convention on Biological Diversity's major groups and, as leaders of tomorrow, they have an important role to play in reaching the Aichi Targets. Since COP 10, youth groups around the world have worked hard to prepare their contribution to COP 11.

Come and take part in youth-related activities!



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Global Youth Biodiversity Network



Schedule

Sunday, October 9	Monday, October 8	Tuesday, October 9	Wednesday, October 10	Thursday, October 11	Friday, October 12	Saturday, October 13
<p>14:00 - 21:00 Room to be determined</p> <p>THE GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK (GYBN): Youth Preparatory and Coordination Meeting</p> 	<p>10:00 - 13:00 Plenary</p> <p>13:15 - 14:45 Side Event Room 2-HITEX 1-Ground Level</p> <p>2562. BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: Role of Conservation Education in Developing Young Green Crusaders in South Asia</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Hall 1-Ground Level</p> <p>2868. PRAKRITHI MITRA: College United Nations Event on Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 1.01-Level 1</p> <p>2908. YOUNG NATURALIST NETWORK AND SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: Importance of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 Including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Celebration of the United Nations on Biodiversity at the Local Level</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Hall II - Ground Level</p> <p>2874. NATIONAL GREEN CORPS: College Students UN on Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>18:15 - 19:45 Side Event Room3-HITEX1-Ground Level</p> <p>2930. CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION (CEE), NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA: Young India for Biodiversity at COP11</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Hall II—Ground Level</p> <p>2578— National Green Corps and AP Biodiversity Board, TV9. AAM AADMI Award and Environment Quizz 2012.</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Room 1.05-Level 1</p> <p>2704. DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ) GMBH:: Conserving Biodiversity Heritage Sites for Climate Change Adaptation: Role of Youth in Linking Cultural Practices and Future Strategies</p> <p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 2.01-Level 2</p> <p>2877. YOUNG NATURALIST NETWORK: "Implementation Framework for Global Taxonomy Initiative and Protective Measures Form Invasive Alien Species to Support Objectives of CBD"</p>	
<p>20:00 - 22:00 (Daily from Monday to Friday) , Room number TBC - THE GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK (GYBN) : Youth Coordination Meetings</p>						
Sunday, October 14	Monday, October 15	Tuesday, October 16	Wednesday, October 17	Thursday, October 18	Friday, October 19	Saturday, October 20
		<p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 2.01-Level 2</p> <p>2729. THE GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK (GYBN): The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) - Building a Global Coalition Among Young People to Halt the Loss of Biodiversity!</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Novotel Garden</p> <p>GO4BIODIV: Main Presentation of Go4BioDiv Declaration and of Street Theatre on Stage in Conference Centre Garden.</p> <p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 1.06-Level 1</p> <p>2690. CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION: Biodiversity Conservation and Education for Sustainable Development</p> <p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 1.05-Level 1</p> <p>2779. OISCA INTERNATIONAL, SOUTH INDIA CHAPTER: Biodiversity Conservation in the Mangrove Wetlands</p>	<p>18:15 - 19:45 Room 1.05-Level 1</p> <p>2730. NAJU - German YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE: International Youth Initiatives For The Protection Of Biodiversity</p>	<p>13:15 - 14:45 Room 1.06-Level 1</p> <p>2783. GO4BIODIV: Marine Biodiversity and Ocean Governance—The Youth Perspective</p> <p>13:15 - 14:45 Room 2.02-Level 2</p> <p>2898. SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: Engaging Children and Youth for Biodiversity: The Green Wave and The Hand Print - Action Towards Sustainability</p> <p>15:00 - 18:00 Plenary</p> 	
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Working Group II, item 5.4: (expected time 10 AM on October 10, but time and date may change)
Children and Youth will be discussed under item 5.4 on "Engagement of stakeholders and major groups."

*Note that event rooms and time can change.

For more information visit:
www.cbd.int/cop11
 or look at the screens on site

*This is an indicative list of events of possible interest for youth. Note that the CBD secretariat is not responsible for the programmes and outcomes of these events.